

WCRA – Public Meeting

5th June 2009



Welcome

- Thanks.
- Introductions
 - Chair.
 - Admin.
- Rules:
 - All honorary members for the night.
 - All questions addressed to Chair.
 - Keep it clean / no fighting!



Agenda

1. Welcome

- i. Why we need a residents association
- ii. Choice of Name
- iii. Constitution & Membership
- iv. Election of Committee Officers

2. Local Campaigns / Issues

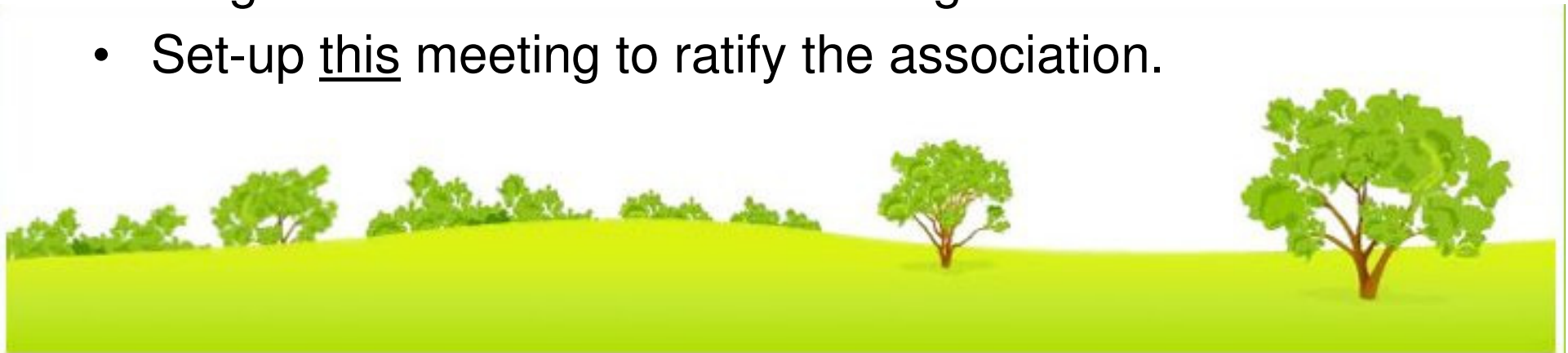
- i. Housing Development
- ii. Other(s)

3. Wrap-up / AOB



What have we done so far?

- Planned the set-up.
- Wrote a Constitution.
- Talked to local residents and groups (e.g. MLARA).
- Set-up a Website – published advice & news.
- Distributed Newsletters.
- Pre-registration Survey (10% respondents).
- Engaged with local councillors, the press and local government.
- ‘Registered’ on Window on Woking.
- Set-up this meeting to ratify the association.



Website

- <http://westfieldcommon.wordpress.com>

Home Welcome Committee About News Intel Join Moor Lane

Westfield Common Residents Association

Memoory Lane #2 - More nostalgia

June 2, 2009 · Filed under Nostalgia

A couple of interesting snaps from local resident Alan showing Moor lane from 1920 (pre- Nos 1-14 Moor Lane) & circa 1950 about 10 years after the houses were built.

Rosebank Cottages c1920

ROSEBANK COTTAGES, WESTFIELD, 1920

- View approx. from what is now 8 Moor Lane looking across to Rosebank Cottages.
- Spot the pond (long since gone).

Search

Useful WCRA Links

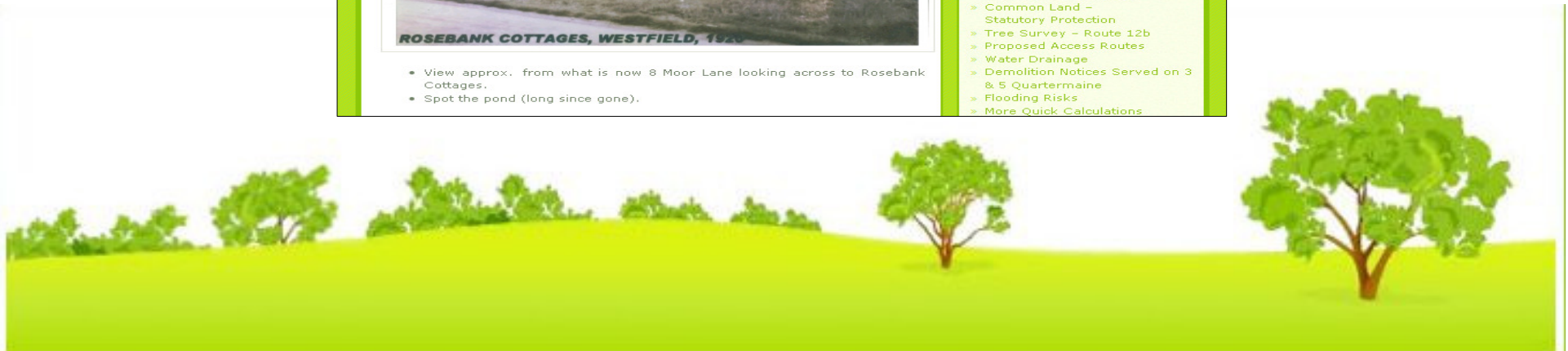
- › Membership Application
- › Report a residents issue
- › Subscribe to News by email

Woking Borough Council Links

- › Moor Lane Housing Project
- › Window on Woking
- › Woking Planning Register

Latest Articles

- › Friday 5th June – WCRA Residents Meeting @ Moorcroft
- › Letter from Priority Homes – Access Clarification
- › Memoory Lane #2 – More nostalgia
- › Greenbelt Review – More
- › Westfield Common – Registration FOI Request update
- › Access Planning Application Documents
- › Common Land – Statutory Protection
- › Tree Survey – Route 12b
- › Proposed Access Routes
- › Water Drainage
- › Demolition Notices Served on 3 & 5 Quartermaine
- › Flooding Risks
- › More Quick Calculations



Why do we need an Association?

- YOU asked for one!
- Council will listen to representations.
 - won't 'talk' to action or issue groups
- Leverage local knowledge & expertise.
- Collaborate on campaigns.
- Co-ordinate resident action on issues that concern us all.
- Lets us SHOUT louder.



Choice of Name (WCRA)

- We wanted:
 - a new name for a new association.
 - a name that wasn't being used!
 - a name that could collectively represent us all rather than be tied to a particular street.
 - a name that would link us all to the geographical area we live in.



So what are we?

- A non-political group watching & protecting local residents interests and cultivating a greater sense of community.
- Aims:
 - Protect our local Environment & Services
 - Promote social and community activities.
 - Engage with local government for our collective good.
 - Co-ordinate communication and advice on residents issues.



Constitution & Membership

- Standard constitution:
 - We have membership elected officers
 - We need to be representative (10%)
 - We follow rules for elections, meetings and decision making.
- Membership:
 - Open to all adults living in our area.
 - Get to vote / hold Officers to account.
 - £10 per household or £5 Concession / single person.



Vote #1

Happy to ratify association?

YES – Unanimous



Election of Officers

- 3 elected positions:
 - Chair
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
- Nominations
- Vote #2
- Other Committee Members (Street Reps)



Result!

WCRA 'official' 05th June 09

Elected – Bill Corney (Chair)

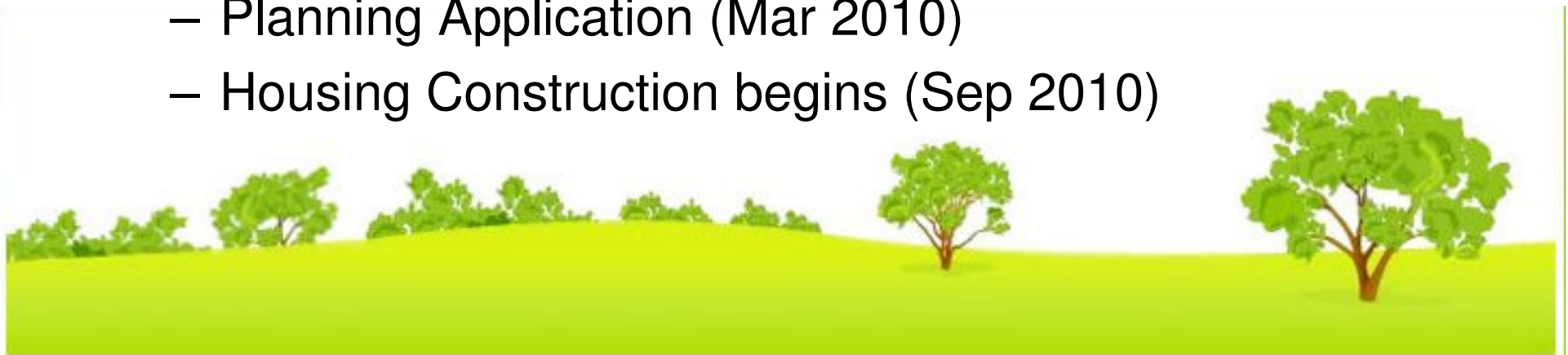
Stuart Goldup (Treasurer)

Nicola Cull (Secretary)



Housing Development Recap

- 470 houses (Density / Disruption / Environment)
- Timetable:
 - Outline Planning Approval (June 06). ☒
 - Site Access Planning Application (18 May 09). ☒
 - Site Access Objections (**11 June 09**). ****ACTION****
 - Site Access Decision (June 09).
 - Public Consultation on developer bids (Autumn 09)
 - Preferred Developer selected (Dec 09)
 - Planning Application (Mar 2010)
 - Housing Construction begins (Sep 2010)



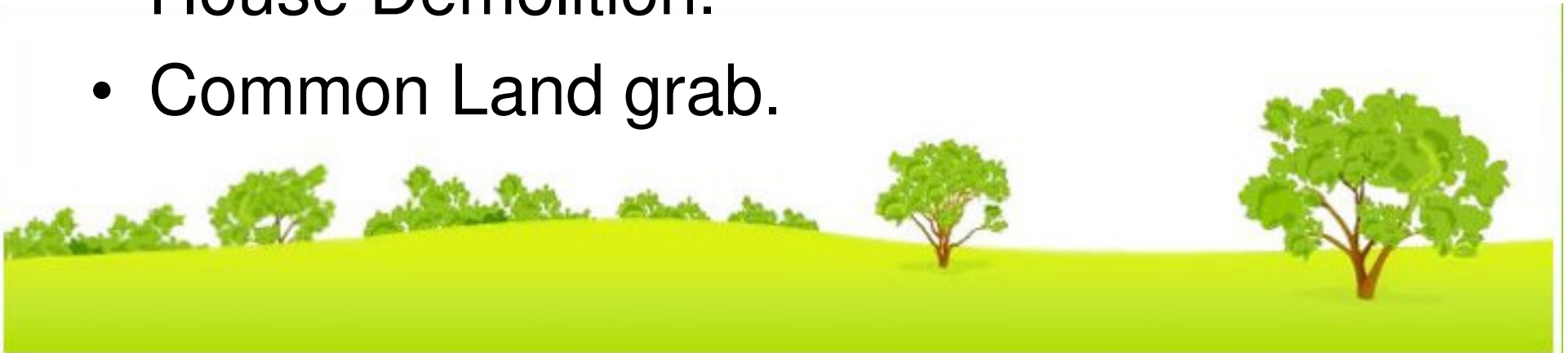
Vote #2

Who is completely opposed?
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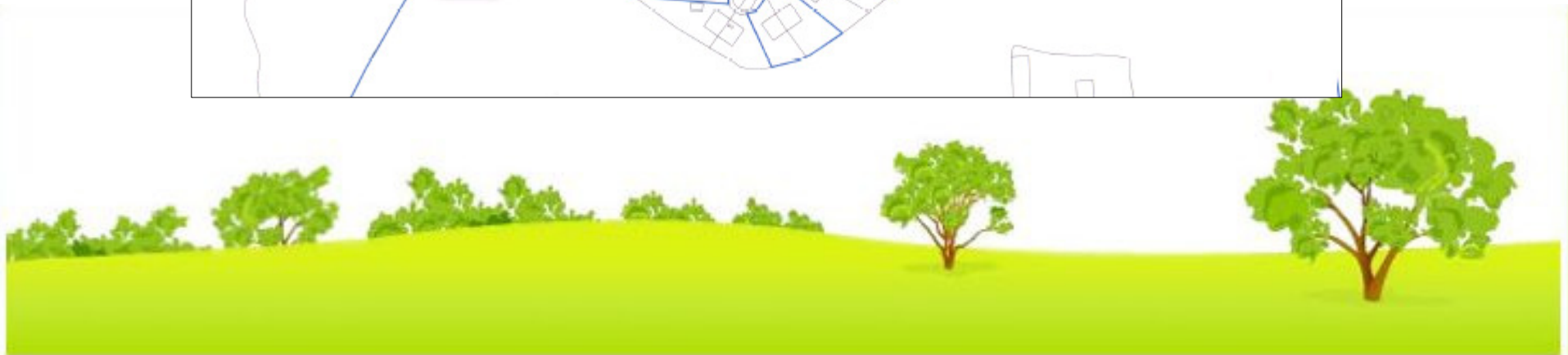
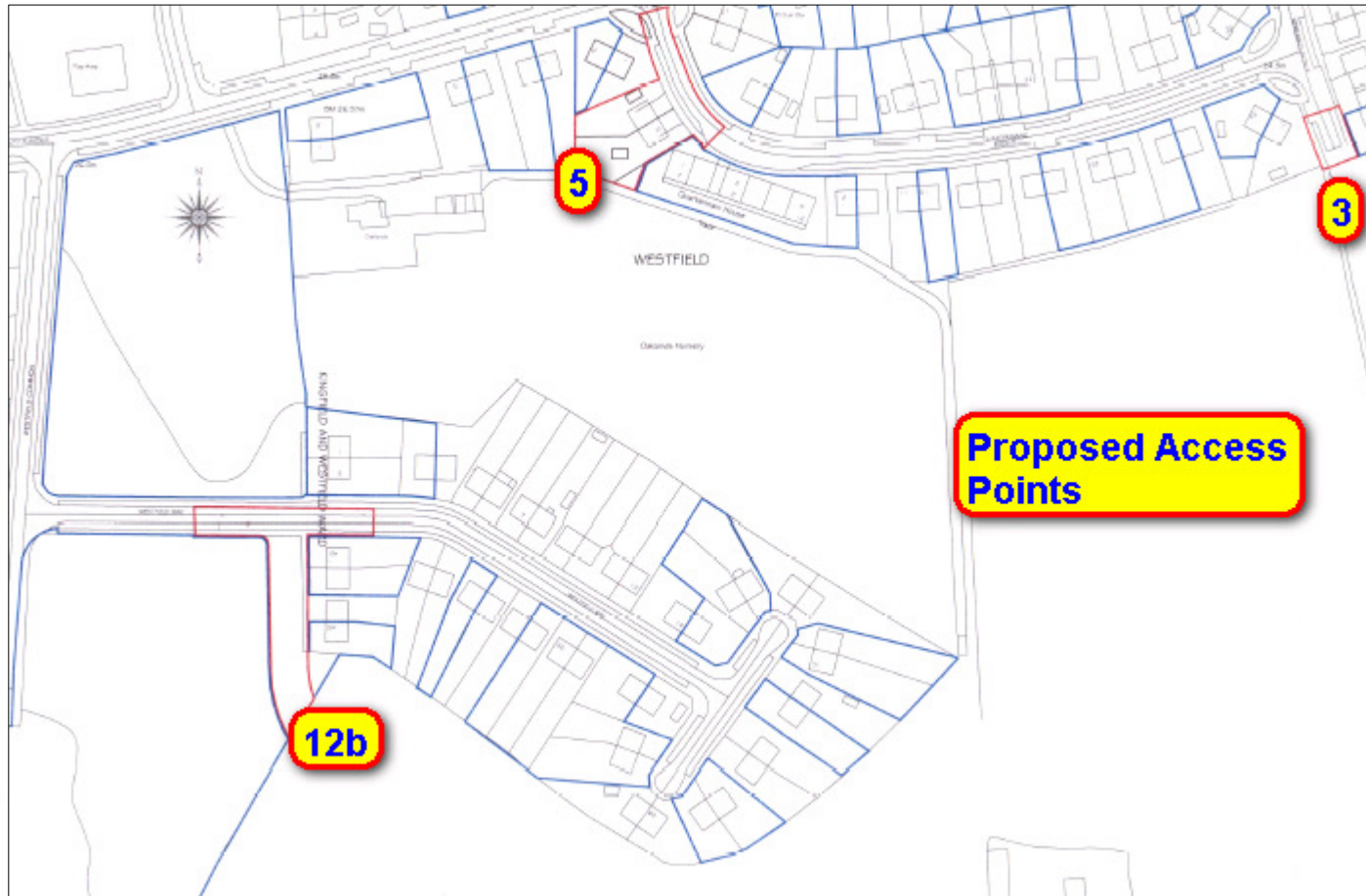


Access Application

- Land ownership study.
 - Why not Moor Lane?
- Ecological Study (Common Land).
- Tree Survey.
- Selected routes
- Traffic Assessment.
- House Demolition.
- Common Land grab.



Access Application



Access Objections

- Deadline 11th June
 - Must write to the Council.
- Material Planning Considerations:
 - Document Review.
 - Independent Access / Transport Study (Kerry)
- Raise general objections to the scheme – let them know your feelings.
- WCRA guidance / letter.



Access – What happens next?

- Council look at responses from residents and associations.
- Summarised and added to report from planning officer.
- Planning officer meets with Planning Committee.
- Objectors get to speak.
- They make a decision.



We keep campaigning!

Whatever the outcome



Other Issues

- Not a single campaign group
 - Housing Development
 - Erosion of green belt / spaces / country character
 - Access to Education & other services
 - The state of our roads
 - Crime
 - Common land management
- **WHAT ELSE?**



Wrap Up

- Thanks
- Watch the birdie!
- Remember to fill in membership forms.
- Please pay membership fees.
- Contributions for hall payment welcome.
- Help Trevor Tidy-up
- Home / Pub time!

